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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application
for patent as follows:

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CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

IN THE DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please replace the whole paragraph on page 45 which starts with "Figures 29A-29I illustrate ..." and ends with "... and other well known types of springs.", with the following paragraph:

Al "Figures 29A-29I illustrate yet another alternative embodiment of the pivot-arm actuator 2204'. In this embodiment the pivot-arm actuator 2204' further includes a spring 2912. According to various embodiments the spring 2912 may be formed from the same material as the pivot-arm actuator 2204' or it may be a separate component coupled to the pivot-arm actuator 2204'. The spring 2912 may be any kind of spring including a coil spring, leaf spring, carriage spring, compression spring, conical spring, helical spring, volute spring, spiral spring, scragged spring, and other well known types of springs. The pivot-arm actuator 2204' is pivotally coupled to the body of the nose receptacle 2200' by means of a pivoting pin 2906."